

REMARKS

Please reconsider this application in view of the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application, for indicating that claim 3 is allowed, and for indicating that claim 2 contains allowable subject matter.

Disposition of the Claims

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 3 and 4 are independent claims. Claim 2 depends from claim 1.

Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1 and 4 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,534,045 ("Nakajima"). Applicant has filed herewith the appropriate Terminal Disclaimer. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 17214/011001).

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